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PARTICULARLY FOR A
MOTOR VEHICLE,
COMPRISING A FOLDING
BACK REST AND A
FOLDABLE SEAT BASE
AND METHOD

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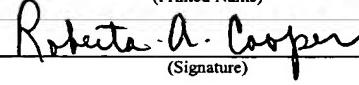
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